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For: SOLID-STATE IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE  
AND PIXEL DEFECT TESTING METHOD  
THEREOF

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: